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# VOTERS' GUIDE

TO AMENDMENT PROPOSED  
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BY THE 1971 SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL COURT

To Appear on a Special Ballot at the Presidential  
Preference Primary on March 7, 1972

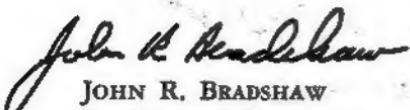
TO THE VOTERS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

The legislature appropriated money for the preparation and distribution of this pamphlet to assist and inform the voters so that they can better understand what the proposed amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution will do. It was prepared at the order of and with the approval of the President of the Senate, John R. Bradshaw, and the Speaker of the House, Marshall W. Cobleigh.

Its purpose is to help you, when you vote on March 7, 1972, to understand the proposed amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution which was approved by the Legislature.

PLEASE REMEMBER: In order to amend the Constitution, two-thirds of the people voting on an amendment must vote Yes. A simple majority will not amend the Constitution.

At the March 7, 1972 Presidential Preference Primary you will receive a separate, non-partisan ballot on which you will be asked to answer one question, which summarizes this proposed amendment. You answer by voting Yes or No, as you choose.



JOHN R. BRADSHAW  
President of the Senate



MARSHALL COBLEIGH  
Speaker of the House

## QUESTION

Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to allow eighteen year olds to vote and to provide that no person under twenty-one years of age may hold elective office?

YES

NO

The State Constitution provides that in order to vote a person must be twenty-one, and that any person who can vote may be elected to public office. On July 5, 1971, the 26th amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified giving the right to vote to eighteen year olds. This change in the United States Constitution changes our State Constitution so that eighteen years olds can vote and can be elected to any public office, except governor, state senator, or governor's councilor.

The question has nothing to do with allowing eighteen year olds to vote but only asks the question shall eighteen year olds be allowed to hold office other than governor, state senator, or governor's councilor.

A Yes vote means you must be twenty-one to be elected to office other than governor, state senator, or governor's councilor.

A No vote means you can be elected to any office except governor, state senator, or governor's councilor at eighteen.

IN CONCLUSION, vote as you please on this proposed amendment, but BE SURE TO VOTE.

**IMPORTANT  
BE SURE  
TO READ  
THIS PAMPHLET**